



One Voice



A Note from Joe...



Commissioner Joe
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Hot Topic

FYI...MSBUs Starting ASAP!

Exciting news! Several District 1 neighborhoods have been or will soon be undergoing construction to receive public water and fire protection improvements.

The work is being completed through a **Municipal Services Benefit Unit, or MSBU**, which allows the residents of a given neighborhood to pay for the desired improvements over ten to fifteen years.

***Harmony Heights**—Public Water/Fire Protection (Design in final review with FPUA, construction not yet scheduled)

***Navajo Ave South**—Public Water/Fire Protection (Design in final review with FPUA, construction not yet scheduled)

***Sunland Gardens Phase 1**—Construction Complete! Residents are clear to connect.

***Sunland Gardens Phase 2**—Survey complete 10/05, design to take 6 months

Recreation Rework



Two parks in District 1 received much-needed face-lifts this summer. A special thanks to our hard-

working Parks & Recreation Department! Here's what they accomplished:
Paradise Pool
*New pool deck
*New Filtration System
*Bathrooms Renovated

Open Space Park
*New pool basin, pool deck and filtration system
*Landscaping
*New restrooms, fencing, lighting, scoreboards and goal posts



Spotlight on 26th Street

South 26th Street will soon be undergoing some major construction. The work is being done as part of a joint effort between St. Lucie

County and the City of Ft. Pierce.

Under the project, a gravity sewer system will be installed and drainage will be improved. Money

from the Disaster Recovery Initiative Grant will be used to cover the cost of the nearly 1.7 million dollar project. Construction is set to begin in May, 2006.

Into the Community

♦ Waggin' Tales

Children's Reading Program at Ft. Pierce and Hurston Library Branches.
Call Dot Blair for more info 462-2199.

- ♦ TC Genealogy Society meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 9a-8p @ the Ft. Pierce Library Branch
- ♦ Belly Dancing, Country Line Dancing, Dog Obedience, Jazzercise, Pilates, Yoga...these are just a few of the classes being offered at the Ft. Pierce Community Center. Call

Commissioners Converge on Capitol Hill

North America's most diverse estuary is right here in our backyard, and it is in serious danger. The Indian River Lagoon is choking under a thick layer of blue-green algae. St. Lucie County Commissioners say they need help in the fight to bring the lagoon back to health, and they're going straight to the top to get it.

In early October, all five St. Lucie

County Commissioners (Frannie Hutchinson, Doug Coward, Paula Lewis, Chris Craft and Joe Smith) took a trip to Washington DC to plead their case on Capitol Hill. They were joined by Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard and Port St. Lucie City Councilman Jack Kelly.

During their visit, they discussed the grim statistics with federal law-

makers, and urged them to take action by providing much needed funding. Thousands of species are suffering and even dying from the algae infestation, which experts believe is being caused by fresh water releases from Lake Okeecho-

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Hurston Library Recovers from Hurricanes...



Who's the kid here? Commissioner Smith enjoys story-time with preschoolers at the Hurston Grand Reopening in April.

Hardworking in Hawaii

Questions or comments about the newsletter?

Do you have an issue you would like for us to discuss in the next newsletter? Do you have an event you would like added to our "Into the Community" Section? Call or email Carin: 462-1410 or carins@stlucieco.gov